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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Rebecca E. Cahoon

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Application No.: 09/720,529

Filed: December 20, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1652

For: CHROMATIN ASSOCIATED PROTEINS

Examiner: Richard G. Hutson

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Examiner Richard G. Hutson  
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By Facsimile April 25, 2003

Dear Examiner Hutson:

Thank you for speaking with me by telephone on April 23, 2003 and again today, and for suggesting amendments. We are pleased to authorize the amendments as detailed below to put the above-referenced application into condition for allowance. Enclosed is a copy of a Revocation of Power of Attorney, a Power of Attorney and the Authorization of Assignee filed in the USPTO on April 17, 2003.

To ensure that I have not misunderstood your suggestions, the following details both my understanding and the amendments authorized by this letter.

First, Claims 19, 20 and 21 are withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. The withdrawn claims are directed to a method for producing a plant, a plant comprising the claimed construct and a seed comprising the claimed construct, respectively. The Applicants

understand that they are free to claim this subject matter in a divisional or other continuing application.

Secondly, Claim 12 is to be amended as follows:


12. An isolated polynucleotide comprising:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having histone deacetylase activity, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of at least 95% sequence identity, based upon the Clustal method of alignment with ~~multiple alignment default parameters of GAP PENALTY = 10 and GAP LENGTH PENALTY = 10, and pairwise alignment default parameters of~~ KTUPLE = 1, GAP PENALTY = 3, WINDOW = 5 and DIAGONALS SAVED = 5, when compared to SEQ ID NO:4, or
  - (b) a complement of the nucleotide sequence of (a), wherein the complement and the nucleotide sequence consist of the same number of nucleotides and are 100% complementary.

We also would ask the Examiner to amend the specification to correct an obvious error wherein at page 4, line 34, and at page 16, line 18, "KTUPLE 1" should read "KTUPLE = 1".

As I mentioned in our most recent telephone conversation, we have just discovered an inventorship error. A Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a) will be forthcoming, but we are willing to prosecute this change post-allowance, should it facilitate your efforts.

If I have misunderstood your suggested amendments or should you have questions about any of these issues, please contact me directly at (302) 888-6209. Again, thank you for your favorable consideration of this matter. We look forward to receiving notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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